1-D & 2-D Photonic Band Gaps in PMN-PT for Optical Communication Ratnanjali Khandwal and Bethanie J. H. Stadler (PI) Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Minnesota Nanofabrication Center, Characterization Facility

•Motivation: Analysis & modulation of photonic band gaps in 1D & 2D electro-optic (EO) materials •Applications: Spectral filters, wavelength tunable filters, electro-optic switches, waveguides



Wavelength tunable filter

A defect layer of PMN-PT (EO material) in the middle of alternating high & low index layers (each guarter wavelength thick) guides light in to central wavelength (1550nm)of the bandgap of this 1D structure. A change in the refractive index of PMN-PT shifts the transmission peak to other wavelengths. A minimum refractive index change tunes 0.8nm spaced channels and maximum change cover C-band(1530-1565nm).



Hexagonal array of air holes in PMN-PT No hybrid bandgap



Hybrid bandgap



TE mode does not quide through the defect in isotropic case.



Light of both polarizations guides through the defect in anisotropic case



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